Bicyclist Critically Injured in Coastal Highway Crash — South Bethany

South Bethany — The South Bethany Police Department with assistance from the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash involving a bicyclist that took occurred Thursday night on Coastal Highway.

The initial investigation has determined that at approximately 10:16 p.m., Thursday, July 4, 2019, a 2005 Toyota Sienna, operated by a 50 year old Red Lion, PA man, was travelling southbound on Coastal Highway in the left lane, approaching Evergreen Rd. A bicycle, operated by a 27 year old Annapolis, MD woman was travelling westbound across the median of Coastal Hwy., and proceeded into the southbound lanes, directly into the path of the Toyota. The front end of the Toyota struck the cyclist on the right side, knocking her to the pavement. After impact the Toyota came to an immediate stop and remained at the scene.

The cyclist was initially transported to Beebe Hospital before being transferred to the Christian Hospital where she remains in critical condition. It was determined that she was not wearing a helmet and had no functioning lights on the bicycle. Impairment on her behalf is undetermined at this time.

The driver of the Toyota was uninjured. Impairment on his behalf is not deemed as a factor in the collision.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Sgt. A. Mendez of the Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-703-3269.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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